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REMARKS

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1. From 9 to 12 May 1953, the units of No 315 were not complete in their quarters. The Olympisches Dorf, the Flak Kaserne and the Loewen Kaserne were heavily occupied, whereas the quarters of the unit with audit officer Yappa (fmu), the Adler Kaserne and Altes Lager were only lightly occupied. On 11 May, two 57-mm AT guns drawn by troops left the Flak Kaserne, coming from the section of audit officer Berezin (fmu); and 68 officers and 338 EM wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia, armed with 12 heavy machine guns and carrying light field equipment, fell in at the athletic field.

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[redacted] On 11 May, 28 driving school trucks were seen with Unit Kovalyev in Olympisches Dorf; and 134 soldiers wearing black-bordered black epaulets with motor transport insignia marched to the Flak Kaserne to receive meals. A technical sergeant acted as audit officer of Unit Yappa in the Adler Kaserne. Almost no activity was observed in this installation and in Altes Lager. The amount of electricity consumed also indicated that elements of the troops were absent. Unit Konon was stationed in the installation. At 8 a.m. on 12 May, three JS-2 tanks were seen under the lean-to roof in Neues Lager. [redacted] with administrative officer Melnikov (fmu) was engaged in the reconditioning of five large temporary quartering buildings in the cantonment at Hasenheidenberg. Eight JSU-122 guns and 5 T-43 tanks were seen. The unit did not belong to No 315. From Unit Boshkov only a rear detail, commanded by a major, was at Olympisches Dorf. On 12 May,¹ the Panzer Kaserne in Gross Glienicke was occupied as previously.¹

2. On 9 May, a RUS-2 type radar set and an SCR-584 type AAA practice firing device, with a total of 3 officers and 8 EM who wore red-bordered black epaulets, were seen with the unit of audit officer Tulenev (fmu) at the Fliegerhorst installation Schoenwalde. The quarters were heavily occupied. Three AAA emplacements were occupied. The quarters of the unit of audit officer Cheznakov (fmu) were only lightly occupied and almost no activity was observed. The quarters of the unit of audit officer Gonchar (fmu) were heavily occupied.²

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3. On 12 May, the barracks installation in Krampnitz was only lightly occupied. The windows of the headquarters building were boarded. The rear detail stationed there was under the command of a captain.³

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1. [] Comment. With the designation No 315 source refers to the units of the 1st Mecz Div stationed in Doeberitz. Prior to 12 May, the Flak Kaserne, the Loewen Kaserne and the Olympisches Dorf were occupied as indicated in preceding reports by other sources. See []

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Units of the division stationed in the Adler Kaserne and in Altes Lager may have been at practices at the post training field. Unit Konon is the unidentified signal battalion of the division; the information, therefore, indicates that the battalion was in its quarters in Altes Lager on 11 May. [] belongs to the officer school of the GOFG in Potsdam. The cantonment at Hasenheidenberg will probably be occupied by the officer school during the summer training period as was indicated in a previous report by the same source. See []

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The officer names mentioned are known from previous reports by this and other sources.

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2. [] Comment. According to another source, elements of the 31st AAA Div were believed to be absent from the post for exercises as late as 4 May. Information in this report indicates that these elements were in their quarters on 9 May. [] Colonel Tulenev (fmu), since long, has been known as belonging to the division stationed in Schoenwalde. It is possible that the bulk of the 90th RL Regt (US) with its commanding officer Lieutenant Colonel Cheznakov (fmu) was absent from the post for exercises on 9 May. Lieutenant Colonel Gonchar (fmu) belongs to the target-tow unit of the air force stationed at the Fliegerhorst.

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3. [] Comment. After the departure of the last troops of the 10th Gds Tank Div to the Letzling Heath on 5 May, the information on the occupation of the barracks installation in Krampnitz appears credible.

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